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(TL:VISA-305; 07-30-2001)

RECIPROCITY

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Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [A]
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [A]
A-3 [1]	NONE	ONE	12 MONTHS
B-1	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B]
B-2	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B]
B-1/B-2	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B]
C-1	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B]
C-1/D	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-2	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B]
C-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
D	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B] [C]
E-1 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
E-2 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
F-1	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B]
F-2	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B]
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [D]
G-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	ONE	12 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	ONE	12 MONTHS
H-1B	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B]
H-1C	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B]
H-2A	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B]
H-2B	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B]
H-3	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B]
H-4	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B]
I	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [E]
J-1 [4]	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B]
J-2 [4]	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B]
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
L-1	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B]
L-2	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B]
M-1	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B]
M-2	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B]
N-8	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B]
N-9	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B]
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B]
O-2	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B]
O-3	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B]

P-1	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B]
P-2	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B]
P-3	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B]
P-4	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B]
Q-1 [6]	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B]
R-1	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B]
R-2	\$420.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B]
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

(A) Diplomatic couriers may be issued A-1 visas valid for multiple applications for entry within 12 months or for one entry within 3 months, depending upon the request from the Turkmen Government.

(B) Tiered fee schedule: 1 entry, 1 month at \$30; multiple entries, 3 months at \$150; multiple entries, 6 months at \$240; multiple entries, 12 months at \$420.

(C) Air crews - visas valid for maximum 24 months at \$420; all others - maximum validity for 12 months.

(D) Principal resident representative and members of his immediate family- visas valid for multiple entries, 12 months; all others classified G-1- visas valid for one entry, three months.

(E) Correspondents assigned to and to be resident in the U.S. and members of their immediate families - visas valid for maximum multiple entries, 12 months. Other correspondents classified as I - visas valid for maximum one entry, 3 months.

SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

Nonofficial Travel

(TL:VISA-259; 04-11-2001)

None.

Official Travel

VISAS BEAR SAO Requests

(TL:VISA-288; 05-30-2001)

The cases of official and diplomatic visa applicants who otherwise require Security Advisory Opinions (DPT-00) CLASS entries or possible ineligibility under INA 212(a)(3) must be submitted by means of a VISAS BEAR telegram, unless the VISAS PEGASUS procedure described below applies.

VISAS PEGASUS Name Check Requests

(TL:VISA-91; 08-01-1994)

Applicants who are DPT-00 CLASS entries and who are coming to attend pre-ministerial, ministerial, pre-summit, summit, and White House meetings may be issued visas on a postcheck basis provided that a "VISAS PEGASUS" telegram is sent immediately to the Department.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

GENERAL

(TL:VISA-124; 09-22-1995)

Civil documents, except as noted below, are available in Turkmenistan. Certified copies of available documents may be exported. The person to whom the record pertains obtains a certified copy at a local notary office, authenticates the notary's seal and signature at the Ministry of Justice.

Some civil records were destroyed during World War II and may not be available. Local authorities generally will issue a certificate to that effect, although the process may take months. A replacement statement of identity is also available from local authorities when the birth certificate is unavailable.

The Embassy in Ashgabat cannot assist in obtaining civil documents or verifying the accuracy of civil records in Turkmenistan.

Police and Prison Records

(TL:VISA-124; 09-22-1995)

Not available. Police and prison records are believed to be kept either by the Ministry of Internal Affairs or the Committee on National Security. Court records are available to the individual for use in countries of the former Soviet Union, but authorities may refuse certification to permit the export of some court records.

Military Record

(TL:VISA-124; 09-22-1995)

Not available. Military records are kept by the military authorities but are not available for individual use.

Birth, Marriage, Divorce and Death Certificates

(TL:VISA-91; 08-01-1994)

Available. Unauthenticated and uncertified copies of these documents may be obtained by Turkmen citizens for a nominal fee upon direct application to the Bureau of Registration of Acts of Civil Status (ZAGS) of the locality having custody of the records.

Turkmen Internal Residence Documents

(TL:VISA-91; 08-01-1994)

There are three types of Turkmen documents with which a person may reside in Turkmenistan: (1) Internal passport (pasport); (2) Foreigner's Residence Permit (Vid Na Zhitel'stvo Dlya inostranstsa); and (3) Residence permit for Stateless Persons (Vid Na Zhitel'stvo Dlya Lits Bez Grazhdanstva).

Turkmen Travel Documents

(TL:VISA-259; 04-11-2001)

Available. Turkmenistan introduced new national passports in 1997. There are currently five types of travel documents in Turkmenistan:

- (1) Diplomatic passport (green cover);
- (2) Official passport (blue cover);
- (3) Tourist passport (green cover);
- (4) Red USSR passport annotated for Turkmenistan;
- (5) Residence permit for stateless persons.

The red USSR passports issued prior to 1997 are valid until their expiration dates, but all passports presently issued are of the new national design.

The first two are issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The MFA may also issue tourist passports for persons traveling on official business, exchange visitors, and some high-ranking officials. The passport department of a regional subdivision of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (OVIR) issues passports for people traveling abroad for private business and pleasure.

No exit visa is needed for travel outside Turkmenistan on a diplomatic or official passport. An exit visa, limited for a certain period of time depending on the purpose of the visit, is issued in Turkmenistan for other travelers. Upon completion of the alien's travel, diplomatic and service passports must be surrendered to the office that issued the passport. Some tourist passports should also be submitted to the MFA on completion of travel.

All three types of passports permit the bearer to re-enter Turkmenistan without a specific entry visa. The Residence Permit for Stateless Persons is not sufficient by itself for re-entry, and must bear a specific entry visa before the bearer will be allowed to return to Turkmenistan.

VISAS ISSUING POSTS

(TL:VISA-124; 09-22-1995)

Ashgabat (E) NIV, except K.
Immigrant and K visa services for citizens of Turkmenistan are provided at Embassy Moscow.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SERVICED (TURKMENISTAN)

(TL:VISA-91; 08-01-1994)

All of Turkmenistan.